

Message Text

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 01 WARSAW 00017 031440Z POSS DUPE
ACTION EUR-12

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 SAJ-01 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-04 H-01
 INR-07 L-03 NSAE-00 NSC-05 PA-01 PRS-01 SP-02 SS-15
 USIA-06 EB-07 SIL-01 LAB-04 /071 W
 -----031814Z 055884 /53

R 031334Z JAN 77

FM AMEMBASSY WARSAW
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 5818
INFO AMEMBASSY BELGRADE
AMEMBASSY BERLIN
AMEMBASSY BUCHAREST
AMEMBASSY BUDAPEST
AMEMBASSY MOSCOW
AMCONSUL MUNICH
AMEMBASSY PRAGUE
AMEMBASSY SOFIA

C O N F I D E N T I A L WARSAW 0017

E.O. 11652: GDS
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PINR, PL
SUBJECT: WORKERS' DEFENSE LEAGUE REPORTS FURTHER ACTIVITY

REF: (A) WARSAW 9012, (B) SUMMERS-BUIST MEMCON DECEMBER 29,
1976, (C) WARSAW 8780 (NOTAL), (D) WARSAW 8943

1. SUMMARY. THE FIFTH COMMUNIQUE OF THE WORKERS' DEFENSE
LEAGUE DATED DECEMBER 22 AND "PUBLISHED" ON DECEMBER 28,
CONTINUES WDL REPORTING OF OTHERWISE UNPUBLICIZED INCIDENTS
FOLLOWING THE JUNE 24 PRICE RISE ANNOUNCEMENT. THE LEAGUE
REVEALS ONLY REGIME ACTIVITY IN PLOCK AND LODZ AS WELL AS RADOM
AND URSUS. POLICE REPRISALS AGAINST THE WDL ARE ALSO LISTED.
FINALLY, SUPPORT IS ANNOUNCED FOR A WDL APPEAL FOR A SEJM
COMMISSION TO REVIEW THE JUNE EVENTS. END SUMMARY.

2. COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 5 REPORTS THE DECEMBER 10-11 RETRIAL OF
CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 02 WARSAW 00017 031440Z POSS DUPE

SEVERAL RADOM WORKERS (REF A). IT EXPRESSES CONCERN THAT
RESPONSIBILITY FOR 28 MILLION ZLOTIES DAMAGE AND
INJURY TO 75 OFFICIALS WAS PLACED ON THE DEFENDANTS, WHOSE
ONLY ACTIVITY WAS TO DEMONSTRATE AT PZPR HEADQUARTERS. THE
COMMITTEE STATED THAT A DANGEROUS PRECEDENT HAD BEEN ES-
TABLISHED, WHEREBY PEACEFUL DEMONSTRATORS COULD BE SEN-
TENCED FOR THE CRIMINAL ACTS OF OTHERS. FOUR OTHER RADOM

RETRAILS WERE REPORTED, SOME OF WHICH WERE ATTENDED BY WDL MEMBERS. THE COMMITTEE REPORTED AN UNPUBLICIZED URSUS TRIAL OF AUGUST 10. SIX PEOPLE RECEIVED SENTENCES, ONE OF WHICH WAS LATER REDUCED. IT REPORTED THAT TRIALS OF EIGHT WORKERS ACCUSED OF TEARING UP RAILROAD TRACKS WERE SCHEDULED FOR DECEMBER 29-30 (REF B). COMMUNIQUE NUMBER 5 CONTINUES WITH NEW INFORMATION ABOUT STREET DEMONSTRATIONS IN PLICK AND AMONG WORK CREWS IN FACTORIES IN LODZ, POZNAN, AND WARSAW DURING THE JUNE 24-25 DISTURBANCES.

3. THE COMMITTEE REPORTS THAT OF 109 FAMILIES WHO HAVE RECEIVED WDL AID, 82 HAVE FOUND NEW JOBS, MOSTLY IN OTHER FACTORIES. WORKERS WHO SIGNED THE NOVEMBER 11 LETTER REQUESTING REINSTATEMENT OF THEIR FELLOWS ARE BEING INTER-ROGATED AND URGED TO RETRACT THEIR SUPPORT FOR THE DOCUMENT. THE COMMITTEE ALSO REPORTS THAT 249 RADOM WORKERS ARE IN REGULAR CONTACT WITH THE WDL. OF THESE, 202 SPENT TIME IN JAIL FOLLOWING THE JUNE DEMONSTRATIONS. AT LEAST 58 OTHER WORKERS REMAIN IN JAIL. POLICE HAVE PRESSED FAMILIES FOR WITHDRAWAL OF A COLLECTIVE SUIT AGAINST THE POLISH ATTORNEY GENERAL. THEY SAY THE WDL IS A TREACHEROUS ESPIONAGE ORGANIZATION FINANCED BY ISRAEL AND WEST GERMAN REVISIONISTS. THE COMMITTEE REPORTS THAT 421 WORKERS THROUGHOUT POLAND HAVE RECEIVED 1,066,160 ZLOTIES, WHICH HAVE BEEN DONATED FROM ALL PARTS OF POLISH SOCIETY. 688 PEOPLE HAVE PROVIDED INFORMATION. FOREIGN DONATIONS AMOUNT TO OVER \$2,500 AND INCLUDE OFFERINGS FROM HEINRICH BOLL AND MAX FRISCH. AN ACCOUNT IN THE U.K. HAS BEEN OPENED FOR FURTHER FOREIGN CONTRIBUTIONS.

CONFIDENTIAL

CONFIDENTIAL

PAGE 03 WARSAW 00017 031440Z POSS DUPE

4. THE COMMITTEE NEXT REPORTS ACTIVITIES AGAINST THE WDL. JACEK KURON, JAN JOZEF LIPSKI, AND ANTONI MACIEREWICZ HAVE BEEN QUESTIONED SEVERAL TIMES FOR SPREADING "FALSE" INFORMATION AND SENDING IT TO "HOSTILE" SOURCES ABROAD. ON NOVEMBER 23 AND 29, SOCIAL GATHERINGS OF WDL MEMBERS AND STUDENTS WERE BROKEN UP. THE APARTMENTS OF ANNA RUDZINSKA AND BOGUSLAW BLAJFER WERE SEARCHED IN DECEMBER. HALINA MIKOLAJSKA HAS RECEIVED THREATENING PHONE CALLS AND LETTERS OVER THE PAST WEEKS. HER CAR AND APARTMENT HAVE BEEN VANDALIZED, AND SHE WAS DETAINED BY THE KRAKOW POLICE UNDER THE PRETEXT OF STEALING A SHEEPSKIN COAT. GRAZYNA BORUCKA WAS DETAINED IN NOWY SACZ, SEWERYN BLUSZTAJN IN KRAKOW, AND JACEK KURON IN PRZEMYSL. FALSIFIED DOCUMENTS HAVE APPEARED WHICH INSINUATE THAT WDL FUNDS ARE BEING EMBEZZLED. THE WDL NAMES WLADYSLAW JRUCZEK AND MICHAL MISIORNY FOR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS AND USING INVECTIVE AGAINST THE LEAGUE (REF C AND D). THE COMMUNIQUE CLOSES WITH A REPORT ON ACTION TAKEN AS A RESULT OF A WDL INITIATIVE CALLING FOR A SEJM COMMISSION TO REVIEW

THE JUNE EVENTS.

5. COMMENT: THE FIFTH COMMUNIQUE CONTINUES THE LEAGUE'S
PROCESS OF PROVIDING DETAILED AND AUTHORITATIVE INFORMATION
ABOUT THE JUNE 25 EVENTS AND THEIR AFTERMATH. IT IS EVIDENT
THAT WDL MEMBERS HAVE NOT BEEN COWED BY THE AUTHORITIES'
INTIMIDATIONS OR BY OFFICIAL WARNINGS IN THE POLISH MEDIA.
END COMMENT.
BROWN

CONFIDENTIAL

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01-Jan-1994 12:00:00 am
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PUBLIC DEMONSTRATIONS, POLITICAL REPRESSION, POLITICAL TRIALS, POLICE FORCES
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Sent Date: 03-Jan-1977 12:00:00 am
Decaption Date: 01-Jan-1960 12:00:00 am
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 22 May 2009
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1977WARSAW00017
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: GS
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D770002-0119
Format: TEL
From: WARSAW
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1977/newtext/t19770184/aaaacvil.tel
Line Count: 125
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: fbd4e4dd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION EUR
Original Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 3
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: CONFIDENTIAL
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 77 WARSAW 9012
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 24-Jan-2005 12:00:00 am
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 3670768
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: WORKERS\ DEFENSE LEAGUE REPORTS FURTHER ACTIVITY
TAGS: PINT, PFOR, PINR, PL, WORKERS DEFENSE LEAGUE
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkgvwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/fbd4e4dd-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
22 May 2009
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 22 May 2009